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for Practical Presents Suitable for All Mankind

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SUGGESTIONS FOR APPROPRIATE SELECTIONS

Christmas remembrances are always difficult of selection for a great many people, and it often happens that some useless novelty or trinket is chosen, in the belief that some people hold that Christmas presents should be something that the recipient wouldn't buy himself.

There is nothing more appropriate for members of the family or intimate friends than some seasonable gift in wearing apparel. In the suggestions offered in this announcement you will find a number of articles which are particularly acceptable to men and boys. In our clothing section you will find Suits and Overcoats of high class; and in practically all lines.

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A TRIP INTO SOUTHLAND.

Mrs. F. R. Northrop Writes Interesting Description of Sights.

Dear friends in Barre: I promised so many I would write something about our trip that I have asked our kind editor for space to reach you all in this way.

We found the Barre Times awaiting us and it is a most welcome daily visitor. Uncle Sam makes short work of the distance between and we trust he may bring us only good news from Barre. We left Royalton Dec. 1 and met Henry and Justus Ketchum on the train, making five in our party. We sailed for Jacksonville, Fla., via Clyde Steamship Co., aboard the Arapahoe.

A dense fog, reported by our wireless to be the worst in 25 years, enveloped the coast and made it very unpleasant. We reached Charleston at 1 o'clock p. m. Dec. 4 and had nearly four hours in the city. It is here you see the black man. Charleston is a peculiar city in its growth. It has many fine buildings and many miles of paved streets but the old Charleston and the new are strangely mixed. You see many of the old brick buildings standing on the principal streets. These buildings show many marks of the earthquake of Aug. 31, 1886. We visited St. Michael's church, famous in history and story, for it was here

"The mayor he called for a pen And the great seal of the city That he might read who ran; And the slave that saved St. Michael's Came forth from its doors—a man."

This is an Episcopal church which was founded in 1752 and opened its doors for worship in 1761. It is built entirely of wood, which is in a marvelous state of preservation.

The pipe organ was installed in 1768 and is still used each Sunday morning and said to be very sweet in tone. The church was fired upon and badly damaged in the fall of 1863 and seriously injured by cyclone in 1865, but was immediately repaired. During the earthquake in 1886 it was nearly demolished. The tower base sank eight inches and the tower now leans to the north three feet. This room remains the same to-day and is used for weekly prayer service.

Pew No. 43 was built for the use of the governor and is twice as wide as the other pews of the church. It contains several easy chairs beside the pew couch. All pews open from the aisle by a little door. Many noted people have occupied pew 43, among which are George Washington, Lee, Princess Lorraine and many others.

We went through the old slave market, which is now used for selling vegetables and other produce. Colored men conducted these stalls. We left for Jacksonville at 5 o'clock and arrived there at 8 o'clock by our time, the next morning, but found we must set back one hour if we were to be good southerners. Jacksonville is indeed a beautiful city, ranking well with the cities of the north with her modern skyscrapers.

The Heard National Bank building is 15 stories. A great many of the buildings are made of southern granite, which resembles our cement blocks but when polished makes a fine finish. We spent two days in this city. Perhaps you would be most interested in our trip to the ostrich farm and alligator ranch. This ranch was established three years ago and there are now three gardens in the world where they have the trained alligators. This garden is enclosed by a high fence and contains about one acre. There is one at Hot Springs, Ark., also at Los Angeles, Cal. It takes from two to 14 years to train these alligators. We saw many thousands of them, all ages and sizes. They are fed from April 1 to Nov. 1 and not again until April. It takes three tons of fish each day to feed them, besides all other food they consume. Alligator eggs resemble that of a duck, in both size and shape. In summer these eggs are placed in the pond and a screened box placed over them, but in winter they use large incubators. It takes 60 days for incubation. The alligators are enclosed in pens according to their size, age, etc. I stayed longest at the baby pen, where there were hundreds of them huddled together.

Each pen has a large cement fountain in the center and as it was cool and cloudy that day they were piled three and four deep in some of them. In connection with each pen is an underground den, so the keeper informed us that there were hundreds of them which we did not see.

The average age when skins are used for commercial purposes is from 10 to 40 years; length from four to five feet. The growth of an alligator is very slow. After they obtain this age they are sold for exhibition only, as the skin becomes valuable. We saw the oldest alligator in captivity, "Ocklawaha," 200 years of age and 13 feet, eight inches long. They offer \$1,000 to any person who will bring them one that will measure more.

We heard him roar and the keeper made him open his mouth slowly as far as possible, then at a signal with his cap he snapped it together and it sounded like the report of a rifle. He performed many tricks with them, perhaps the most interesting was seeing "Molly" shoot the electric. The keeper told us it took seven years of constant daily training before he could make her accomplish the feat from his orders alone. In the showroom they have everything on sale from pin-made of alligator teeth to chairs and tables marked \$200 each.

We next entered the ostrich garden and soon found both interesting. The park has been much enlarged the past few years and extends back to the river. Trees with overhanging limbs make a dense shade and here are found all things similar to summer resorts to obtain your money. Fortune tellers, gambling tables, scenic railway, etc.

The ostriches are enclosed in large netted yards. The male bird is black except the neck and breast and the females a slate color. The finest feathers are taken from beneath the wings. Their skin resembles the hide of an elephant. An ostrich matures at four years of age and the length of life is from 40 to 50 years. The eggs are hatched in incubators in winter. The time is from 32 to 45 days. The egg weighs from three and one-half to four pounds each. We saw Officer St. Lottel to a valley and driven around the track outside his pen. The barnyard is fitted in a similar way to that of a house and a bit placed in the mouth. He drives at the rate of one mile in two minutes and eight seconds. He weighs 200 pounds. The showroom was beautiful. Pictures of every size and color and a great variety of feathered goods were displayed.

We attended the Mr. Zoo, M. F. church, school, Sunday morning and may have something interesting to tell you of the service when we get home. The scene of the great attention and the by the ducks know how to swim. The show at Jacksonville rank well with attend.

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those I visited in New York and they certainly understand how to handle the tourist trade.

We took the steamer "City of Jacksonville" on St. John river Sunday night and darkness soon shut out our view. We had dinner at 6 o'clock and the first thing we saw on the menu card was roasted Vermont turkey, which of course made us feel much at home. Everyone arose early the next morning, as from the stateroom window we could see that we were in the narrow part of the river. I longed for eyes in both sides of my head that I could take it all in. It is impossible to describe the beauty of the scenery as we wound in and out around the curves of the river. The cypress trees with the gray moss swaying in the breeze, the orange groves, with golden fruit partly hidden in the dark green foliage. The birds are numerous and many of them highly colored. The blue herons and cranes fly very near the boat or light near it and show no fear.

Arriving at Sanford we took our first train since leaving New England and arrived at Ft. Myers at 10:30 p. m. with a three hours' stop in Lakeland, which is one of the most enterprising places we have seen in Florida. Darkness set in before we reached Wauchula, but we wondered as we passed how our Barre party were making it setting up their new home here. People say there is no place in Florida to compare with Ft. Myers in regard to tropical vegetation and it is easy to believe it. We stayed there two nights at Riverview hotel. The flowers are beautiful beyond description, as they have had no frost here to injure them. The hibiscus bushes and blossoms look much like the rose from a little distance. They are both single and double and have great variety of color. We saw the mango tree, date palm, alligator pear, paw-paw, cocconut palms, with large clusters of fruit, banana trees with blossoms and fruit in formation and many others. In the afternoon we walked out the boulevard to the winter home of Thomas A. Edison. He comes here each winter with his private car and yacht. The grounds are beautiful and we were told they contain 250 species of tropical vegetation not grown elsewhere in Florida. We were willing to believe it without trying to pick them out.

Ft. Myers is situated on the south side of Caloosahatchee river near the gulf. It is a city of about 4,000 inhabitants and has many beautiful homes. When you come to Florida do not be contented to stop at Jacksonville or anywhere in the north of the state, but come 350 miles farther south and see tropical Florida.

Wednesday morning we took boat on the river for Alva, where we were most cordially met at Hadley's landing by the families of W. E. Barney and R. P. Elmer. We also got a handshake from Rev. G. T. Raymond as we halted at Owanita to leave the mail. The men have been busily engaged in setting up the tent and cot beds while I have tried to arrange the little cottage for our comfort.

I would like to tell you much more about the citrus fruit culture but I fear I have already taxed both your patience and that of the editor. I have intended this for a personal letter to many of the friends and if you get any pleasure from it as you sit by the fire and read your Times you can certainly give us great pleasure by sending us a letter from home.

The men folks are calling that the rabbit is ready for "mother" to make into rabbit pie so adieu!

Mrs. F. R. Northrop.

Alva, Fla., Lee County.

GRANITEVILLE

Read E. M. Lyon's grocery ad, on another page.

There will be a meeting of the Bon-side club in Gignere's hall, Wednesday, Dec. 23. All members are requested to attend.

Meeting of branch No. 12, O. W. I. U. of N. A., will be held in the basement of the Catholic church Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, at 7 p. m. A good attendance is desired. The order of secretary, F. J. Fougere.

Regular meeting of Camp 5282, M. W. of A., in Gignere's hall, Thursday evening, Dec. 24, at 7 o'clock. All members are requested to attend. Business of much importance. J. J. Sullivan, secretary.

WESTERVILLE

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Almonds, 23c	Brazil Nuts, 20c
Filberts, 20c	Pecans, 20c lb.
Walnuts, 23c lb.	Mixed Nuts, 15c lb., 2 lbs. for 25c
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